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CHINA POLICY

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A CNA REPORT CARRIED IN THE  
JUNE 20 EXPRESS NEWS. SHORTER VERSIONS APPEARED IN THE  
JUNE 20 EDITION OF THE CHINA POST AND ON THE FRONT PAGES  
OF ALL VERNACULAR NEWSPAPERS:

QUOTE

WASHINGTON, JUNE 18 (CNA): THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE "NORMALIZA-  
TION" OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEIPING REGIME, A SENIOR STATE  
DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HAS SAID.

THE OFFICIAL, ADDRESSING A CLOSED SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT  
SEMINAR IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY, ALSO SAID THAT  
THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY BREAKTHROUGH ON  
THE VERY DIFFICULT "TAIWAN QUESTION," WHICH REMAINS TO BE  
THE MAIN ROADBLOCK TO THE "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS  
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEIPING.

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HIGHLY INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT THE OFFICIAL, PAUL  
KREISBERG, WHO IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PLANNING STAFF, POINTED TO AMERICAN  
PUBLIC OPINION AS THE MAIN INHIBITING FACTOR IN ANY US  
GOVERNMENT DECISION TO YIELD TO PEIPING'S DEMANDS WITH  
REGARD TO THE "TAIWAN QUESTION."  
KREISBERG TOLD THE SCHOLARS, A TOTAL OF 16 FROM

ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS INVITED TO THE SEMINAR ON EAST ASIA AFFAIRS, THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AT THIS POINT WOULD NOT ALLOW THE "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN. HE ADDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CANNOT ACT ON A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE, SUCH AS THE RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA, WITHOUT THE POPULAR SUPPORT FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, TAD SZULC, A NOTED FOREIGN POLICY FREE LANCER, REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOT READY TO "ABANDON" TAIWAN. CARTER IS CAREFUL ABOUT NOT JEOPARDIZING THE US LINKS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA IN THE EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH PEIPING. SZULC MADE THIS JUDGEMENT IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE FORTHCOMING ISSUE OF THE FOREIGN POLICY QUARTERLY MAGAZINE.

IN THE ASSESSMENT OF SZULC, WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DONE SO FAR WITH RESPECT TO "NORMALIZATION" WITH PEIPING ARE SYMBOLIC GESTURES, SUCH AS THE DISPATCH OF HIS SON CHIP TO THE MAINLAND.

BESIDES KREISBERG, WHO CONDUCTED THE WARSAW TALKS IN THE LATE 1960'S, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD HOLBROOKE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT (SIC) WILLIAM GLEYSTEN ALSO ADDRESSED THE FOUR-DAY SEMINAR. HUMAN RIGHTS IN EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND THE US TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA WERE AMONG THE OTHER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEMINAR. A US OFFICIAL SPOKE VERY FAVORABLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, SOURCES SAID.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA  
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TO THE US, A GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR, ALSO CAUTIONED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AGAINST "NORMALIZING" RELATIONS WITH PEIPING WITHOUT SAFE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECURITY OF TAIWAN. THE MALAYSIA ENVOY, SOURCES SAID, WAS WORRIED THAT IF TAIWAN FALLS TO CHINESE COMMUNISM AS A RESULT OF US RECOGNITION OF PEIPING, THE MALAYSIAN CHINESE IN HIS COUNTRY WOULD LOSE AN ALTERNATIVE CULTURAL HOMELAND. THIS COULD FORCE THE MALAYSIAN CHINESE TO EMBRACE COMMUNIST CHINA AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE, THUS CAUSING SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR MALAYSIA. (BY C. C. FU)

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